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Supplemental Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Information Disclosure Statement filed 30 August 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 8/30/05;11/15/05
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 30 August 2005 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 17 August 2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. The Examiner notes that the IDS filed on 11 November 2005 is a copy of the IDS filed on 30 August 2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-15 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Japanese Published Patent Application JP 2001-317771 (hereinafter JP '771) teaches suspended air cleaner (10) comprising a lower opening portion to suck air containing smoke, said lower opening portion (19) being placed at a lower portion of the air cleaner, a blower (13) to forcibly feed said air having been sucked from said from opening portion in a centrifugal direction, a pair of right and left peripheral openings (16)

to emit air fed forcedly from said blower below the air cleaner, said pair of peripheral opening portions being placed in a fringe portion of the right and left at said lower portion of the air cleaner, and a fibrous dust collecting filter (21) being placed between the lower opening portion (19) and the blower (13) to remove the smoke of the cigarette, wherein the lower opening portion is located between the right and left peripheral opening portions in Figs. 1-4 and paragraphs [0013] to [0064] of the English language translation.

JP '771 is directed to an air cleaner which is suspended from a surface and does not teach the tabletop-type air cleaner of claim 1 comprising a front opening portion placed at a front portion of the air cleaner or the pair of right and left peripheral openings emitting air ahead of the air cleaner. Furthermore, since the air cleaner of JP '771 is specifically designed to be installed in a suspended orientation, it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the air cleaner of JP'771 as a tabletop air cleaner.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason M. Greene whose telephone number is (571) 272-1157. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 AM to 5:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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